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U.S. Patent Application of Bob McGuire, et al.

Entitled: Drilling Flange and Independent Screwed Wellhead with Metal-to-

Metal Seal and Method of Use

Serial No.: 10/656,693 Our Ref: 15912/09032

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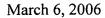
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Bob McGuire

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Title:

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.